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## Never Bond Her.

Editor News:—

For some time the Adair County News has been agitating the question of issuing bonds and building roads in Adair county. Now I have always heard that it took different opinions to make horse swaps, so I am going to take issue with the News. In the first place I want to say that I live in the Eastern part of Adair county bordering Taylor county. I have heard the bond business discussed and cussed on many occasions. I have heard that when they first began to agitate bonds in Taylor county that they employed stump speakers to stump the county. The tax-payers were slow to take hold, but they preached to them that they would be easy to pay, also told them that they could soon pay them off in blackberries and buttermilk, and to the sorrow of themselves and their posterity they voted bonds, and many a berry field has been worn out, washed off and thrown away, and many a great grand daughter of the youngest heifer of that day have long since passed through foreign soup houses and even the most of those good old honest tax-payers themselves have gone to their rewards, leaving behind a hampered posterity, and a fast accumulating debt which to this good day has never been paid. I know of many men of Adair county who have had a desire to invest in Taylor county real estate, but out of many there has been but very few who ever invested. On the other hand I want to say that in the last few years there has been a constant inpour of farmers from North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia in the Eastern portion of this county, and land that ten years ago was selling at from one to two dollars per acre, is now bringing from ten to twenty dollars. While this class of farmers are filling up this part of Adair county right along beside the Taylor county line, they are cautious not to cross over the line into Taylor county. Some one says why? Simply because they do not want to buy a debt. Now if any tax-payer in Adair county thinks he would like to have Adair county bonded, I would suggest that he take a trip over in Taylor county and see the conditions of things as they exist over there. I am in favor of good roads, and I will admit that good roads make good counties, but I am strictly opposed to ruining a county by bonds, to make good roads for some capitalist to ride over in their auto's and view the ruins of a once prosperous county. And again, I think it ridiculous for the tax-payers of old Adair to incur a fast accumulating debt on our county, that our great grand children will look back on their forefathers with disgust and shame for heaping a burden upon them that they cannot pay, and burden them to an early grave with a mark of dispendency on their faces and a sting of remorse in their hearts for the wrongs done them by their forefathers. I heartily indorse every thing that my friend Dr. Jones, of Montpellier, wrote in regard to bonding the county, and I believe that if you will poll Adair county, that nine-tenths of the tax-payers will see it just like Dr. Jones and I see it. I had the pleasure a few years ago of being a member of the Adair fiscal court, and the bond issue was at that time agitated to some extent, and I am just to-day as I was then. I am strictly opposed to bonds first, last and all the time, but as I said then, I am in favor of a reasonable road tax, and let every magisterial district receive every cent that it pays as road taxes for the betterment of its own roads. I certainly believe if you bond Adair county that you will shut out any one desiring to buy them a home, also will decrease the valuation of real estate fully one-half, and demoralize business to such an extent that every person who can procure a car fare will leave as fast as steam can pull them, and the few who remain, will only try to raise enough for the maintenance of their families, and will not have any surplus to spare, and in such an event what would become of the city folks, for we all know that the farmer is the back bone of the whole shooting match, and when the farmer is down and out we will not have any use for auto's, manufactures, printing presses, patent medicine fakiers etc. I would like to hear from others in different parts of the county on this subject. I will ring off by saying, when you bond her you will ruin her.

C. G. Jeffries,  
Knifley, Ky.

Mr. Geo. W. Lowe is now the sole proprietor of the picture show. He says that it is his intention to make some improvements. At the present the Parlor Circle will be open two nights each week, Thursday and Saturday.

## Enjoyable Events.

Last Tuesday being the day for the annual election of officers for the Home and Foreign Missionary societies of the M. E. church, and also the birthday of one of their most faithful and beloved members, Mrs. Emily Burton, the various members conceived the idea of celebrating both events together, and so with well filled baskets they arrived at Mrs. Burton's home Tuesday morning and spent the day.

And indeed each and every one unhesitatingly speak of it as one of the very best times of their lives, good fellowship prevailing throughout the entire day, making the hours all too short.

The morning was spent in transacting business connected with the society, and at the noon hour all were served with a most bountiful and delicious lunch, Misses Pearl Hindman and Mollie Caldwell acting as most efficient waitresses.

In the afternoon a very interesting program was rendered.

Mrs. Neilson and Miss Clark gave songs and interesting sketches of the lives of Miss Helm and Mrs. Hays.

Mrs. Stevenson gave a most appropriate talk on "stewardship."

Mrs. C. M. Russell read a very convincing poem on "Bible Finances" and Miss Katie Murrell read a paper on the same subject.

Several special vocal numbers given by Misses Ollie Crockett, Myrtle Sageser, Messrs. Ernest Hill and Elra Jones, with Miss Ethel Crockett, pianist, and the cornet solos by Capt. Schroer added much to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

Delightful refreshments consisting of gelatine and cake were served to the afternoon guests.

In short it was a most enjoyable and helpful day and the members of the society had but to think of the joy they feel in their own hearts, and to observe the deep appreciation manifested by Mrs. Burton to convince them that the result of their planning was a complete success.

Including the members and guests, the following were present.

Mrs. D. D. Neilson, J. O. Russell, Geo. Stevenson, G. E. Wilson, C. M. Russell, Sam Breeding, Margaret Tucker, Geo. Staples, Kinzie Murrell, W. T. McFarland, Mary Caldwell, Emily Burton, Misses Nettie Clark, Rose Hyde, Pearl Hindman, Ollie Crockett, Myrtle Sageser, Ethel Crockett, Katie Murrell and Elvie Caldwell, Messrs. Arvest Hill, Elva Jones, Rev. J. S. Chandler and Capt. Schoer.

## Improvind.

Mr. John H. Holladay has received a very encouraging letter from the superintendent of the Feeble Minded Institute, Frankfort, an institution in which he placed his seven year old daughter, Lorena, last June. The letter states that the little girl is improving rapidly and has been for several months, and all indications point to her being able to return home next May, fully restored. The local physicians here are of the opinion that bad health brought on the trouble. The mother of the little girl, who is dead, was a Miss Bell, and the child has many relatives in lower portion of the county, all of whom will be glad to hear this very encouraging news of her condition.

At the election of officers for the Agricultural Society of Warren county, recently held, Mrs. Anderson Rowe, who is a daughter of Mr. W. B. Rowe, Adair county, was chosen as the Vice President of the organization. Mrs. Rowe was reared on her father's farm and before her marriage she deeply interested herself in agriculture pursuits. She was not long a resident of her adopted county, Warren, until it became known that she knew a great deal about farming, hence her selection as Vice President of the above named society.

Information in regard to Lewis Young, the silversmith of this place, is, that he is improving rapidly and that his surgeon thinks he will be able to come home in about six weeks. His lower limbs were fearfully drawn and he hopes that when he recovers from the operations, both hips having been operated on, that he will walk straight.

I keep on hands a full stock of coffins and caskets, also robes; hearse. Prompt service night or day. Phone 29.  
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J. F. Triptett,  
Columbia, Ky.

I have a good, five year old mare for sale.  
John A. Harris,  
Columbia, Ky.

## "No Fusion in Sight."

I have actually heard it hinted during the last few days, that the republicans will approach the Progressives in this county, upon the question of fusion in the nomination of a county ticket this year. The idea is simply ridiculous from the fact that the Progressive party will put out a full county ticket from county Judge to constable.

Whoever heard of such a thing as the majority fusing with the minority. That is the biggest fool idea that ever became known to me, and in addition to that, the principles advocated by the progressive party, are suited to the common people of this county and even if that were not true, we would entertain no sort of a proposition of fusion with the "republicans" because the past is still fresh in our memories. It is said that the "Bull Moose" never follows any well beaten path, nor after any other species of creation, but blazes its way through the dense forests of opposition and shrubbery, and makes a pathway that others may follow therein.

I admire the assumption of that name for the party for that one characteristic alone. The Progressive party does not propose to take a backward step by fusion with any other political organization, and those 787 fellows who voted for Taft in Adair county at the last November election look so small that we almost fail to discern them on the political horizon, the Progressive storm seemed so great that it had almost enveloped everything but the "ROOSTER."

That rooster is the only thing that is in our way to a complete victory in Adair county this coming fall, and if we can manage to get a grip on some of his tail feathers, we will still win out. Anyhow, we hold the balance of power, but no fusion for us." Up in Pulaski county where the Progressives carried the county just a little over 100, they stand firm and will not listen to the fusion idea. In Jefferson the question of fusion has been mentioned in connection with the naming of a city ticket, but it is not believed the proposition will be listened to by the "Moosers." Let the "Bull Moose" party stand firm in every portion of the State, and it will be only a question of time when the "stand-patters" as they call themselves, will be heard of no more.

Fred McLean.

## For Sale.

House and large lot, near the Graded School, also 30 acres of land 2 miles from town.

Frank Sinclair.

## Circuit Court.

The January term of the Adair circuit court opened Monday morning, people by the hundreds being in town. Judge J. C. Carter arrived in due time and by the noon hour the grand jury had been instructed and at work. The body is composed of twelve good men, who will be kept busy for seven or eight days.

It is believed that the greater part of the first week will be taken up in trying felony cases. The civil docket is about up to the average, and the full two weeks will be taken up.

During the day Monday the business on the outside was fairly good, the merchants and the business in the grocery houses being active during the day. Several stockmen were here and a number of mules charged hands, prices ruling high.

## Telegraph Operators.

In the last twelve weeks the Business University at Bowling Green has sent out fifteen of its telegraph students to good rail road positions, but it still has on file seventy-three vacancies which it cannot supply, because it has sent out all who are ready. Young men aspiring to such positions would better take notice.

Robert Sapp, whose home is in the Pelletynton country, was adjudged of unsound mind in Judge Moss' court last Wednesday and ordered sent to Lakeland. An attendant from the asylum arrived Thursday morning to convey him. Eight years ago Mr. Sapp was returned from the asylum, believing that he had regained his senses. He is about fifty years old.

## Notice.

All who are indebted to R. T. McAffree, deceased, are requested to settle the same with R. A. Waggoner at once.

Mrs. Nona J. McCaffree.

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## More About the Bond Issue.

Dear Editor:—

I am glad that uncle Tommie Jones and Mr. Wheeler have rizt right up and spoke right out in meetin' just in time to save the county from bankruptcy and ultimate depopulation. As I write cold chills chase each other up and down my spine, my hair stands on end, and cold sweat besprinkles my brow when I contemplate the dire calamity that might have befallen Adair county had these apostles of popular rights and guardians of the county's wealth not spoken. One wise man has said that the majority is always wrong and now that this has been proven how can we doubt it. (But I wish to mention that this does not apply to the folks in the Knifley section by about 9 to 1.) A few years ago more than 80 per cent of the legal voters in the state of Kentucky voted in favor of an amendment to the state's constitution to enable the several counties to vote county bonds to raise money to build roads. And then the state's legislators (poor foolish mortals) passed a law putting this amendment into effect and also made another law providing for a 10 cent state road tax. It is further provided that this state fund can only be used to supplement road funds in counties where the mossbacks are not in the majority.

About 75 counties in the state voted bonds, macadamized their roads, and paid off the bonds away back yonder before people ever found out that they had to go bankrupt and become depopulated on account of the tax. And the people stayed right at home and never ran away at all. And they do tell us that land no better than what we have, in those counties sells for more than double the price of ours and that said counties are growing rapidly in population and wealth. "Where ignorance is bliss it is folly to be wise." Had the citizens of our sister counties had one or two of our Adair county mossbacks to prophesy to them they would have all probably taken bright a short time after voting their bonds and fled to Adair county where folks are not menaced by good roads. And in what is the most prosperous district in the state "The rank thistle would now nod its head in the wind and the wild fox dig its hole unscared."

Even now more of us might be frightened had we not heard of his voice, like AESop's ass, braying before. Older citizens who can remember tell us that when our courthouse was built all the mossbacks rose up and of one accord began to prophesy and did wail most vehemently saying, that we would all be pauperized as a result of the tax and that folks in adjoining counties would soon have to be totin' us old victual sand old clothes. But I dare say that statistics show that there are not to-day more than a score of persons in the county's poor house as a result of the courthouse tax, and a few people still have money with which to buy things at the store." I do not care whether the money be raised by voting bonds or otherwise, but I believe that after a year or two when the county gets her roads well graded she should proceed to macadamize them and that our people could invest money in nothing from which they could receive so much pleasure and profit in return for the money expended.

W. E. Dudley,  
Glenfork, Ky.

## No Reward Offered.

The officials of Russell county did not offer a reward for the arrest and conviction of the thief who stole the indictments in that county last December. It was thought at first a reward would be offered. The coming grand jury, which will be convened the third Monday in February, will be called upon to investigate the looting of the Clerks office, and will also be asked to re-indict in all cases in which the indictment were stolen. It is said the trial will then proceed at the February term, as if nothing had happened, wherever the parties can be ready for trial.

## Announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hunn announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia, to Mr. J. H. Goff. The wedding will take place at the home of the young lady, Wednesday evening, February 5th, Columbia, Ky.

Mr. A. O. Young who has been with his brother, Lewis, in a Louisville Hospital, arrived home last Sunday. He reports his brother doing well and that he will likely be restored to good health but considerable time will be required.

## The February Woman's Home Companion.

An article of great interest and value to women is published in the February Woman's Home Companion. It is an account of the Housewives' League, an organization of 500,000 women, which, in two years, has developed to the point where it is actually assisting hundreds of thousands of housewives in the United States to reduce the cost of living. One of its great contentions is that women should study the market reports in the newspapers in order to get information about prices which will enable them to know intelligently when they come to deal with tradesmen. The article shows how the plan may be carried out in any town or city in the United States. It also presents a dramatic picture of the origin of the League. Mrs. Julian Heath, a New York woman, had an experience which started her to thinking. Out of this experience grew the League. Here is a story of a woman who started great things.

Many other important articles are included in the February Companion—notably, an interview with John Drew, "What I Think of Women," "The Making of a Father"—a true story; "The Upward Fight"—true stories of work, love and sacrifices in the "slums"; and an article showing how a widow woman with \$100 capital started a business from which she is able to earn a good income.

Lively fiction is contributed by Georgia Wood Pangborn, Mary Hastings Bradley, Annie Hamilton Donnell, Justus Miles Forman and Fannie Heaslip Lea.

The regular Cooking, Fashion, Home Decoration and Young People's departments are unusually interesting and helpful.

## Quiet Affair.

Last Thursday evening, about 6:30, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Staples, this city, Mr. S. H. Mitchell, one of the best known men in Adair county, and Miss Margaret Brooks, a young woman who has made her home in Columbia since early girlhood, making many friends by her ladylike deportment, were quietly married by Rev. J. H. Chandler, the ceremony being solemn and impressive. Only a few close friends were present. Immediately after congratulations had been extended, the couple left for the home of the groom, located in the suburbs of town.

## Special Notice.

Parties indebted to the firm of Drs. Russell & Hindman for medical services and wishing to settle their accounts with the doctors will please do so before Feb. 10, as said firm has dissolved partnership and will after that date place all their accounts in the hands of a collector. All accounts due said firm must be settled by that time some way, as the doctors will after that keep separate accounts while they still occupy the same office.

All the voting precincts in Adair County were expected to select Democratic committeemen last Saturday. In nearly all the precincts elections were held, and those who did not hold, committeemen will be appointed. There is an impression out that there was a race in South Columbia between Barton Yates and Mr. L. C. Winfrey. That is a mistake. Mr. Yates name was the only one placed before the convention. Mr. Winfrey was not a candidate.

Last Friday, Mr. O. A. Taylor who was with the Paul Drug Co., during the past two years, bought a one-half interest in the drug store of Dr. J. N. Page and the inventory is being taken to-day. Under the name of Page & Taylor the firm will conduct a general drug business. The stock will be increased, Mr. Taylor also purchased from Mr. Henry Ingram the residence on Bomer Heights, now occupied by the latter, possession to be given by the first of March. Consideration, private.

## Take Notice.

All accounts owing Miller & Miller and A. A. Miller not settled by February 1st, will be placed in the hands of an officer.

A. A. Miller.

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Mr. J. A. Caldwell left a hand of white burley tobacco, at this place which is the finest sample of any crop we have seen. It is silky and has the color to perfection.

Born, to the wife of L. E. Bradley, January 15, a daughter.

## Hunters.

By some means it is reported that you cannot get license before May 1st. This is a mistake, as you can get license from the County Clerk for the year 1913, at any time under date of January 17th. The game and fish "com" directs me to take drastic steps to enforce the game and fish laws. As the Grand Jury is now in session, it is the duty of all law abiding citizens to go before same and report all cases contrary to law.

The time is near when wood, wire and net baskets will be slipped from their hiding places. Remember, soft talk from candidates won't "let you by," as I will positively destroy any device made to catch fish contrary to law, and any one attempting to use same, will be arrested. Let this final.

Respectfully,  
T. I. Smith.

## Jurors.

The following gentlemen compose the juries for the present term of court:

### GRAND JURY.

Hudson Conover, Mont Harman, W. C. Rodgers, J. A. Keen, C. C. Roe, Foreman, Duy Holladay, G. A. Walker, Tom Wheat, Lewis Holt, Joe Beard, George Collins, Jim Frankum.

### PETIT JURY.

Drury Moore, Sam Beck, A. R. Fesse, L. M. Grissom, W. S. Pickett, J. F. Patterson, James Suddarth, Tine Bryant, J. Z. Collins, John Preston, G. W. Pike, Ulysses, Coomer Horace Jeffries, Lonnie Dudley, Chas. Stults, Alva Harvey, Ed Baker, F. H. Winfrey, G. A. Murrell, John Young, M. Cave C. W. Pollard, S. L. Banks.

### BY STANDERS.

W. H. Flowers, Ben Conover, F. I. Ingram, John N. Conover, F. J. Barger, J. Z. Pickett.

## Eggs for Hatching.

It is a true saying that "The Hen that lays is the Hen that pays." I have two breeding pens of S. C. White Leghorns. You can't beat them for steady layers, you will find no better bred Birds in Kentucky than I have. They are egg producers. They are also fit for the show. I have no reputation as a "chicken man" to sell you at \$3.00 to \$5.00 a setting, but can furnish a limited number of eggs from above pens at 5 cents each. That is the net value of the eggs less the reputation, if by Parcel Post you pay Postage. If you will want any of these eggs let me book your order early.

J. O. Russell,  
Columbia, Ky.

## Bank Election.

Last Wednesday the First National Bank of this place elected the following directors for the ensuing year:

Brack Massie,  
H. N. Miller,  
J. D. Lowe,  
Albert Mercer,  
J. P. Beard,  
J. F. Montgomery,  
Z. T. Williams.

The directors elected the following officers:  
Brack Massie, President,  
H. N. Miller, Vice President,  
E. H. Hughes, Cashier,  
Bruce Montgomery, Assistant Cashier.

## A Position Certain.

When it is remembered that every person old or young, male or female, who has completed a combined course in the Bowling Green Business University in the last ten years, has gone immediately to a good position, no young person should hesitate to follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before. A position is a certainty for every qualified person.

Messrs. W. H. Goff and Hugh Richardson were in Cumberland county last week. The former stated to a News man that the high waters did a great deal of damage in Cumberland county in the way of removing fencing, lumber and staves. One firm, he states, lost fifty thousand dollars in staves at Albany Landing. It was a foreign firm.

## For Sale.

Black Jack with white points, 15 hands, coming 4 years old 6 choice bred Reg-Hurford Bulls, old enough for service, will make special prices to quick buyers.

R. T. Butler,  
Amandaville, Ky.

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